

GRANTS RESOURCE GUIDE



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OVERVIEW



This resource guide was prepared by my office to provide the residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District with an overview of federal grants, agencies, and useful tips on the grant procurement process.

It is my hope that this guide will greatly assist the residents of GA-02, and, as always, my office will continue to do all that we can to help!

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SEARCHING FOR GRANTS

My office has compiled a list of state and federal resources and databases to help residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District find grants and federal funding. This includes a list of key federal agencies in the Executive Branch as well as links to their email update subscription options. Interested parties are highly encouraged to subscribe to the relevant federal agency's email list linked below to receive updates on upcoming funding opportunities and announcements.

These resources can be found on my official website under the "Grants and Federal Domestic Assistance" page, or at <https://bishop.house.gov/grants-new>.

In the event that you need additional assistance in finding grants, my office can also help you by compiling a list of federal and state grants that may be of interest to you. To request assistance with finding funding opportunities, please contact my office at 202-225-3631.

A full list of federal agencies and subagencies can be found at <https://www.usa.gov/federal-agencies>



BEWARE OF FRAUDULENT GOVERNMENT GRANT SCHEMES

With the increase in government grant scams, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has released an alert on government grant scams. In these schemes, scammers pose as government officials to get consumers to send them money.

If you think you may have been a victim of a government grant scam, file a complaint with the FTC online, or call toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357); TTY: 1-866-653-4261.

For more information on Government Grant Scams, visit <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/government-grant-scams> or <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/learn-grants/grant-fraud.html>

TIPS FOR WRITING A GRANT PROPOSAL

The strongest aspect of any application for a grant or funding opportunity is the applicant's proposal. Below are some tips on how to make sure your proposal covers all of the bases

- Follow the instructions given in the application form or in other material provided by the agency or foundation and directly answer questions as asked.
- Allow sufficient time to prepare a thoroughly documented proposal by starting work on the proposal well before the application deadline.
- Try to be clear, brief, and avoid jargon. Whenever possible, fit the style of the proposal to the style of the agency or foundation being approached.
- When no form or instructions for submitting grant proposals are provided, the proposal might include the following:
 1. a cover letter providing a brief description of the purpose and amount of the grant proposal, conveying the applicant's willingness to discuss the proposal in further detail;
 2. a half-page summary that includes information on the applicant, reasons for the grant request, proposed objectives and means to accomplish them, projections of the total cost of the project, indications of funds already obtained, and an amount being requested for the grant;
 3. an introduction in which the history, credentials, and accomplishments of the applicant are presented briefly (supporting documents could be included in an appendix);
 4. a description of current conditions demonstrating the need for the proposed project;
 5. a statement of the project's objectives in specific, measurable terms;
 6. a description of the methods to be used to accomplish these objectives;
 7. a description of the means by which the project will be monitored and evaluated;
 8. a discussion of plans for continuing the project beyond the period covered by the grant; and
 9. a detailed budget.

For additional tips and suggestions, check out CRS Report RL32159, How to Develop and Write a Grant Proposal. This comprehensive report discusses preliminary information gathering and preparation, developing ideas for the proposal, gathering community support, identifying funding resources, and seeking preliminary review of the proposal and support of relevant administrative officials. It also covers outlining project goals, stating the purpose and objectives of the proposal, explaining the program methods to solve the stated problem, evaluating project results, long-term project planning, and developing a proposal budget. The last section of the report lists free grants writing websites.

CRS Report RL32159, How to Develop and Write a Grant Proposal can be viewed at <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/RL/RL32159/23>

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES

Technical assistance (TA) is the process of providing targeted support to an organization with a development need or problem. Federal agencies provide TA to help grant recipients improve their ability to manage grant programs—such as training on project monitoring and evaluation. Below is a list of program specific TA programs offered by different federal agencies through various means, including one-on-one instruction, live group events, and web-based information/guidance. Each program title is accompanied by a Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number. A CFDA number is a five-digit number assigned in the awarding document to most grants and cooperative agreements funded by the Federal government. It even applies to funds the Federal government awards to another entity and then that entity issues a sub-agreement to Purdue. It does not apply to Federal contracts and purchase orders or Non-Federal agreements where no Federal pass-through funds have been included.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- Technical Assistance To Cooperatives - CFDA: 10.350
- Special Evaluation Assistance For Rural Communities And Households - CFDA: 10.759
- Technical Assistance And Training Grants - CFDA: 10.761
- Rural Economic Development Loans And Grants - CFDA: 10.854

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- National Technical Assistance - CFDA: 11.303
- Minority Business Resource Development - CFDA: 1.802

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

- Procurement Technical Assistance For Business Firms - CFDA: 12.002

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- Minority Economic Impact - CFDA: 81.137
- Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy Information Dissemination, Outreach, Training And Technical Analysis/Assistance - CFDA: 81.117

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- Office On Violence Against Women - Technical Assistance Initiative - CFDA: 16.526

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act - Dislocated Worker National Reserve Technical Assistance And Training - CFDA: 17.281

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

- Community Development Financial Institutions - CFDA: 21.020

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

- Purchase Care Program - CFDA: 64.029

REQUESTING A LETTER OF SUPPORT

If you have found a federal grant you would like to apply for, my office can provide a letter of support to ensure your application receives due consideration. Please note that my office can only write letters of support for federal grant applications. We cannot write letters for foundation grants.

To request a letter of support from my office for a funding opportunity, please complete the LETTER OF SUPPORT REQUEST FORM below in its entirety and follow the outlined submission instructions. Please note that a request for a letter of support should be submitted to my office no later than one week before the application deadline.

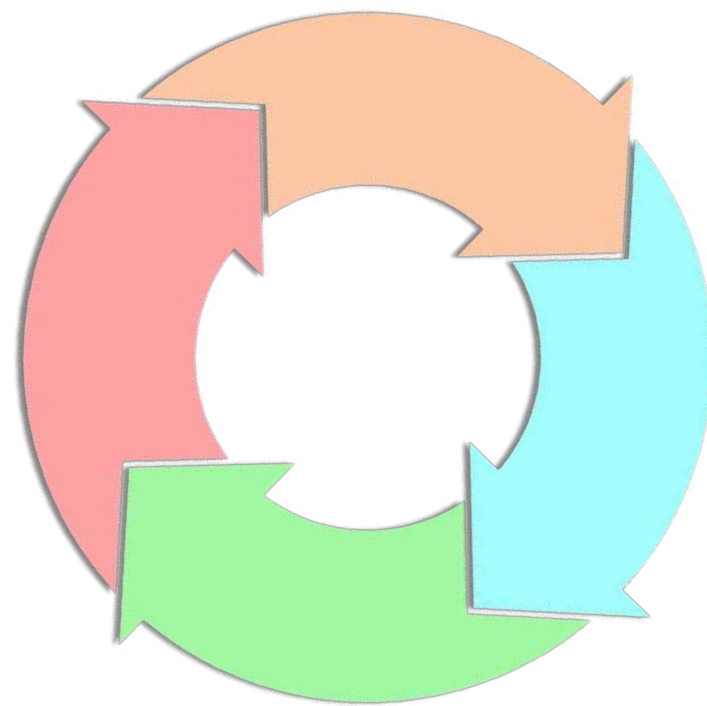
LETTER OF SUPPORT REQUEST FORM

1	Name of Applicant	
2	Are You Partnering with another Organization (If yes, list all Partnering organizations)	
3	Name of the Main Pt of Contact for this Grant	
4	Title	
5	Phone Number	
6	Fax Number	
7	Email	
8	Website Address (if available)	
9	Address Line 1	
10	Address Line 2	
11	City	
12	State	
13	Zip Code	
14	Briefly describe the focus of your organization	

About the Grant you are applying For

15	Name of the Federal Agency administering the Grant (if not listed on the list, please select "Other")	
15a	If you selected "Other," please indicate the Federal Agency	
16	Name of the Grant Program you are applying for/ Agency addressee for the letter of support:	
17	CFDA Number of the Grant	
18	Is this a continuation or renewal for funding?	
19	Amount of Funding Requested	
20	<p>HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THE COPY OF YOUR LETTER?</p> <p>You will receive a COPY of the letter by the method you select. If you have not yet submitted your application to the federal agency, please go ahead and do so. We cannot send our support letter until <u>ALL</u> of your materials have been submitted to the federal agency. Such action could cause our letter to be misplaced by the agency. If you have any questions about the support letter policy, please contact us at (202) 225-3631.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Fax <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Mail
	In 600 words or less, please provide us with a Sample Letter of support or information explaining how you will use the money if your organization is successful and how your program will better your region and the state of Georgia.	
	<p><i>Please e-mail or fax your completed form to our office.</i> <i>Fax Number: 202-225-2203 or</i> <i>E-Mail: ndea.rackard@mail.house.gov</i></p>	

TRACKING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND AWARDS



FOR APPLICATION UPDATES:

If you have applied for a federal grant of funding opportunity and would like to check the status of your application, my office can inquire on your behalf. To request my office's assistance with obtaining an application update, please call 202-225-3631

FOR TRACKING GRANT AWARDS:

USAspending.gov, available to the public at <http://www.USAspending.gov>, is a government source for data on federal awards by state, congressional district (CD), zip code, city, and county. The awards data in USAspending.gov is provided by federal agencies and represents grants, contracts, loans, and other financial assistance. Grant awards include money the federal government commits for projects in states, local jurisdictions, regions, territories, and tribal reservations, as well as payments for eligible needs to help individuals and families. Contract awards refer to bids and agreements the federal government makes for specific goods and services.

USAspending.gov does not include data on actual spending by recipients. USAspending.gov also provides tools for examining the broader picture of federal spending obligations within the categories of budget function, agency, and object class.

A comprehensive breakdown of USAspending as well as grant award databases for select agencies can be found in the CRS Report titled "Tracking Federal Awards: USAspending.gov and Other Data Sources" or at <https://sgp.fas.org/crs/misc/R44027.pdf>

A quick guide on how to use USAspending to track awards in state and congressional districts can be found at <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IF/IF10231>

FEDERAL AGENCIES WITH GRANTS

U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID)

USAID partners to end extreme poverty and to promote resilient, democratic societies while advancing our security and prosperity. Poverty is multi-dimensional, requiring an approach to address hunger and food insecurity, illiteracy and innumeracy, ill-health, dis-empowerment, marginalization, and vulnerability. USAID's Feed the Future, Global Health, Global Climate Change, and Power Africa initiatives target symptoms of and pathways out of poverty. USAID's work on education is already reaching millions in extreme poverty. Similarly, the organization's cross-cutting efforts in promoting democracy, rights and good governance, empowering women and girls, advancing prosperity, building resilient societies, and mitigating climate change are all essential to ending poverty.

Visit: <https://www.usaid.gov>

Agency Point of Contact: Lia Melakou, lmelakou@usaid.gov

- **Faith-Based and Community Initiatives:** Working closely with faith-based and community stakeholders is critical to the success of USAID's mission. These efforts are coordinated through USAID's Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (CFBCI). The CFBCI serves existing and prospective faith-based and community partners by: providing a bridge for faith-based and community groups seeking to connect with USAID's mission.
- **American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) Grant Programs:** USAID's American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) program provides assistance to schools, libraries, and medical centers outside the United States. ASHA's grants help these institutions train future leaders in a wide variety of disciplines, support local and regional infrastructure to foster development, and cultivate positive relationships and mutual understanding among citizens of the United States and other nations.
- **Denton Program:** The Denton Program allows private U.S. citizens and organizations to use space available on U.S. military cargo planes to transport humanitarian goods to countries in need.
- **Development Innovation Ventures:** Development Innovation Ventures (DIV) is an open competition supporting breakthrough solutions to the world's most intractable development challenges—interventions that could change millions of lives at a fraction of the usual cost.
- **Food for Peace:** The emergency food assistance and multi-year development programs monitor food insecurity throughout the world; save lives in times of crisis; tackle chronic undernutrition; and help the most vulnerable break the cycle of poverty and hunger through agriculture and livelihoods support.
- **Grand Challenges for Development:** The Grand Challenges for Development initiative is rooted in two fundamental beliefs about international development: Science and technology, when applied appropriately, can have transformational effects; and engaging the world in the quest for solutions is critical to instigating breakthrough progress. Under the Grand Challenges for Development initiative, USAID will focus on defining problems, identifying constraints, and providing evidence based analysis.
- **Limited Excess Property Program:** allows non-profit organizations registered as Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) with USAID to access government excess property through the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) and the Defense Logistics Agency's (DLA) Disposition Services' excess property programs.
- **Ocean Freight Reimbursement:** The Ocean Freight Reimbursement (OFR) Program is the oldest ongoing Private Voluntary Organization (PVO) support program, allowing recipients to ship a wide variety of goods overseas for use in privately-funded development and humanitarian assistance programs.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (CNCS)

The Corporation for National and Community Service is the nation's largest grant-maker supporting service and volunteering. Through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and the Learn and Serve America programs, the Corporation is a catalyst for change and offers every American a chance to contribute through service and volunteering.

Visit: <https://www.nationalservice.gov>

Point of Contact: Danielle Horetsky, DHoretsky@cns.gov

- **AmeriCorps:** AmeriCorps programs provide opportunities for Americans to make an intensive commitment to service. The AmeriCorps network of local, state, and national service programs engages more than 80,000 Americans in projects around the nation each year.
- **Senior Corps:** Senior Corps offers a network of programs that tap the rich experience, skills, and talents of older citizens to meet community challenges.
- **Social Innovation Fund:** The SIF targets millions in public-private funds to expand effective solutions across three issue areas: economic opportunity, healthy futures, and youth development and school support.
- **Volunteer Generation Fund:** support volunteer organizations and state service commissions in boosting the impact of volunteers in addressing critical community needs. The fund will focus investments on volunteer management practices that increase both volunteer recruitment and retention.



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Established in 1862, the Department of Agriculture serves all Americans through anti-hunger efforts, through stewardship of nearly 200 million acres of national forest and rangelands, and through product safety and conservation efforts. The USDA opens markets for American farmers and ranchers and provides food for needy people around the world.

Visit: <https://www.usda.gov>

Point of Contact: Kim Radcliff, kim.radcliff@usda.gov

- **Farm Service Agency (FSA) Loans:** FSA makes direct and guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans to family-size farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank, Farm Credit System institution, or other lender. FSA loans can be used to purchase land, livestock, equipment, feed, seed, and supplies. Loans can also be used to construct buildings or make farm improvements.
- **Housing Assistance:** USDA provides homeownership opportunities to low- and moderate-income rural Americans through several loan, grant, and loan guarantee programs. The programs also make funding available to individuals to finance vital improvements necessary to make their homes decent, safe, and sanitary. USDA Multi-Family Housing Programs offer Rural Rental Housing Loans to provide affordable multi-family rental housing for very low-, low-, and moderate-income families; the elderly; and persons with disabilities. In addition, rental assistance is available to eligible families.
- **Rural Development Loan Assistance:** forges partnerships with rural communities, funding projects that bring housing, community facilities, business guarantees, utilities, and other services to rural America. USDA provides technical assistance and financial backing for rural businesses and cooperatives to create quality jobs in rural areas.
- **Beginning Farmers and Ranchers:** provides direct and guaranteed loans to beginning farmers and ranchers who are unable to obtain financing from commercial credit sources.
- **Crop and Livestock Insurance:** helps producers manage their business risks. The mission of USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) is to promote, support, and regulate sound risk management solutions to preserve and strengthen the economic stability of America's agricultural producers. As part of this mission, RMA operates and manages the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC).
- **Federal State Marketing Improvement Program:** provides matching funds to State Departments of Agriculture and other appropriate State agencies to assist in exploring new market opportunities for food and agricultural products, and to encourage research and innovation aimed at improving the efficiency and performance of the marketing system.
- **Specialty Crop Block Grant Program:** funds can be requested to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and nursery crops (including floriculture).
- **The Farmers Market Promotion Program:** grants are targeted to help improve and expand domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities.
- **Organic Cost Share Program:** provides assistance to organic producers and/or organic handlers.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Department of Commerce fosters and promotes the nation's economic development and technological advancement through vigilance in international trade policy, domestic business policy and growth, and promoting economic progress at all levels.

Visit: <https://www.commerce.gov>

Point of Contact: Greg Coss, gcoss1@doc.gov

- **Economic Development Administration:** Through strategic investments that foster job creation and attract private investment, EDA supports development in economically distressed areas of the United States. EDA works directly with local economic development officials to make grant investments that are well-defined, timely, and linked to a long-term, sustainable economic development strategy.
- **Market Development Cooperator Program:** include financial and technical assistance from the International Trade Administration (ITA) to support projects that enhance the global competitiveness of U.S. industries. The non-profit groups compete for a limited number of MDCP awards by proposing innovative projects that generate exports that create or sustain U.S. jobs.
- **National Telecommunications & Information Administration Programs:** administers grant programs that support the deployment of broadband infrastructure, enhance and expand public computer centers, encourage sustainable adoption of broadband service, and promote statewide broadband planning and data collection activities.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

The Department of Defense provides the military forces needed to deter war and protect the security of the United States through five major areas: peacekeeping and war-fighting efforts, Homeland Security, evacuation and humanitarian causes.

Visit: <http://www.defense.gov>

- **National Security Education Program:** program to award scholarships to U.S. undergraduate students, fellowships to U.S. graduate students, and grants to U.S. institutions of higher education. These awards are for study or program development in languages and regions critical to national security.



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Department of Education ensures equal access to education and promotes educational excellence through coordination, management, and accountability in federal education programs. The Department works to supplement and complement educational efforts on all levels, encouraging increased involvement by the public, parents and students.

Visit: <https://www.ed.gov>

Point of Contact: Holly Clark, holly.clark@ed.gov

- **Institute of Education Sciences:** The mission of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) is to provide rigorous and relevant evidence on which to ground education practice and policy and share this information broadly. IES is the research arm of the U.S. Department of Education.
- **Academic Improvement and Teacher Quality Programs:** several major formula and discretionary grant programs. These programs provide financial assistance to state and local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, community and faith-based organizations, and other entities. Funding supports activities designed to recruit and retain a high-quality teaching staff for America's schools, to strengthen the quality of elementary and secondary education, including through after-school programs, to test and disseminate information on new approaches for improving educational results, to improve literacy skills for children and students from birth through 12th grade, and to raise the educational achievement of at-risk students, such as Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native children and youth.
- **More Dept. of Education Funding Opportunities:** <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/find/title/index.html?src=apply-page>



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

The Department of Energy's goal is to advance national, economic, and energy security in the U.S.; to promote scientific and technological innovation in support of that goal; and to ensure environmental cleanup of the national nuclear weapons complex.

Visit: <http://www.energy.gov>

Point of Contact: Terri Diehl, terri.diehl@hq.doe.gov

- Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs Office: collaborates with state and local governments, Indian tribes, and overseas U.S. territories to leverage resources to achieve near-term and measurable reductions in overall energy use, improvements in energy efficiency, growth in renewable energy capacity, and expanded economic opportunities.
- State Energy Program: maximize the benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy in each state through communications and outreach activities and technology deployment. Additionally, SEP helps states improve the security of their energy infrastructure by assisting them with the development of state energy plans.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The Department of Health and Human Services is the federal government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially to those who are least able to help themselves.

Visit: <https://www.hhs.gov>

Point of Contact: Ronald Dortch, ronald.dortch@hhs.gov

- Administration for Children & Families: programs aim to empower families and individuals to increase their economic independence and productivity; encourage strong, healthy, supportive communities that have a positive impact on quality of life and the development of children; create partnerships with front-line service providers, states, localities and tribal communities to identify and implement solutions that transcend traditional program boundaries; improve access to services through planning, reform and integration; and address the needs, strengths and abilities of vulnerable populations including people with developmental disabilities, refugees and migrants.
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: grants support research to improve the quality, effectiveness, accessibility, and cost effectiveness of health care. existing programs intended to aid in safeguarding products intended for human or animal use.
- National Institutes of Health: provides financial support in the form of grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts. Awards many grants specifically for research, we also provide grant opportunities that support research-related activities, including: fellowship and training, career development, scientific conferences, resource and construction.

FEDERAL AGENCIES WITH GRANTS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (CONTINUED)

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: awards over 25,000 acquisition and assistance actions each year and obligates approximately \$11 billion in federal funds.
- Food and Drug Administration: sponsors several competitive grant/cooperative agreement programs related to food and feed safety and human health issues. These grants/cooperative agreements provide federal-state agencies with the opportunity to enhance or develop new and existing programs intended to aid in safeguarding products intended for human or animal use.
- National Institutes of Health: provides financial support in the form of grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts. Awards many grants specifically for research, we also provide grant opportunities that support research-related activities, including: fellowship and training, career development, scientific conferences, resource and construction.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

The Department of Homeland Security has three primary missions: Prevent terrorist attacks within the United States, reduce America's vulnerability to terrorism, and minimize the damage from potential attacks and natural disasters.

Visit: <https://www.dhs.gov>

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- Federal Emergency Management Agency Grants: coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror. FEMA offers both non-disaster grants and disaster assistance.
- Transit Security Grant Program: provides security grants to mass transit and passenger rail systems, intercity bus companies, freight railroad carriers, ferries, and the trucking industry to help protect the public and nation's critical transportation infrastructure against acts of terrorism and other large-scale events.
- Science and Technology Directorate: invests in scientific research leading to the development of new and innovative technologies.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's mission is to increase homeownership, support community development, and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. HUD fulfills this mission through high ethical standards, management, and accountability, and by forming partnerships with community organizations.

Visit: <http://www.hud.gov>

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- Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant Program: supports locally-driven strategies to address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public or HUD-assisted housing through a comprehensive approach to neighborhood transformation.
- More HUD Funding Opportunities: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

The Department of the Interior protects and provides access to the nation's natural and cultural heritage, including responsibilities to Indian tribes and island communities. Departmental goals include resource protection and usage, overseeing recreational opportunities, serving communities, and excellence in management.

Visit: <https://www.doi.gov>

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- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: administers a variety of programs that award grants and cooperative agreements to commercial organizations, foreign entities, Indian tribal governments, individuals, institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, and state and local governments.
- National Park Service: provides preservation assistance through a number of programs that support the preservation of America's historic places and diverse history.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Department of Justice enforces the law and defends the interest of the United States, ensuring public safety against threats foreign and domestic; providing federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime; seeking just punishment for those guilty of unlawful pursuits; and ensuring fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans.

Visit: <https://www.usdoj.gov>

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- Office of Justice Programs: offers federal financial assistance to scholars, practitioners, experts, and state and local governments and agencies. Many of the program bureaus and offices award formula grants to state agencies which sub-grant funds to units of state and local government.
- Office on Violence Against Women: administers 19 grant programs to help provide victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking with the protection and services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives and enable communities to hold offenders accountable for their violence.
- Community Oriented Policing Services Office: offers grants to help law enforcement agencies to hire more community policing officers, to acquire new technologies and equipment, to hire civilians for administrative tasks, and to promote innovative approaches to solving crime.
- More Dept. of Justice Funding Opportunities: <https://www.justice.gov/grants>

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

The Department of Labor fosters and promotes the welfare of job seekers, wage earners and retirees by improving their working conditions, advancing their opportunities, protecting their retirement and health benefits, and generally protecting worker rights and monitoring national economic measures.

Visit: <https://www.dol.gov>

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- Employment and Training Administration: administers a federal government job training and worker dislocation programs, federal grants to states for public employment service programs, and unemployment insurance benefits. These services are primarily provided through state and local workforce development systems.
- Susan Harwood Training Grant Program: awards grants to nonprofit organizations on a competitive basis. The focus of the program is to provide training and education for workers and employers on the recognition, avoidance, and prevention of safety and health hazards in their workplaces, and to inform workers of their rights and employers of their responsibilities under the OSH Act.
- Mine Safety and Health Administration State Grants Program: distributes federal grants to 49 states and the Navajo Nation. Grants are made to the state agency program responsible for miners' health and safety.
- More Department of Labor Funding Opportunities: <https://www.dol.gov/general/grants/howto>

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The Department of State strives to create a more secure, democratic and prosperous world for the benefit of the American people and the international community.

Visit: <https://www.state.gov>

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- Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs: aims to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchange that assist in the development of peaceful relations. ECA awards grants and cooperative agreements to non-profit organizations to support academic, cultural, and professional exchange programs to promote mutual understanding.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation's mission is to ensure fast, safe, efficient, accessible, and convenient transportation that meets vital national interests and enhances the quality of life of the American people, today and into the future.

Visit: <https://www.dot.gov>

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- BUILD Discretionary Grant program: provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit, and port projects that promise to achieve critical national objectives. Since 2009, Congress has dedicated more than \$4.1 billion for six rounds to fund projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a region or a metropolitan area.
- Surface Transportation Program (STP) is one of the main sources of flexible funding available for transit or highway purposes. These funds may be used (as capital funding) for public transportation capital improvements, car and vanpool projects, fringe and corridor parking facilities, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and intercity or intracity bus terminals and bus facilities.
- More Dept. of Transportation Funding Opportunities: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants>

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

The Department of Treasury is a steward of United States economic and financial systems, promotes conditions for prosperity and stability in the U.S., and encourages prosperity and stability in the rest of the world.

Visit: <https://www.treasury.gov>

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- **Restore Act:** In 2010, the largest offshore oil spill in the United States occurred and the President signed into law the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act which established the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund in the U.S. Treasury Department. Under the Act, amounts in the Trust Fund will be available for programs, projects, and activities that restore and protect the environment and economy of the Gulf Coast region.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Department of Veterans Affairs strives for excellence in patient care and veteran's benefits for its constituents through high-quality, prompt, and seamless service to United States veterans.

Visit: <https://www.va.gov>

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- **Veterans Cemetery Grants Program:** assists states, territories and federally-recognized tribal governments in providing gravesites for Veterans in those areas where VA's national cemeteries cannot fully satisfy their burial needs.
- **Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot:** program to support Veterans and their families who reside in rural and/or underserved areas of the country. Grantees are expected to use the funds to aid Veterans with the transition to civilian life.
- **Grant and Per Diem Program:** fund community agencies providing services to homeless Veterans. The purpose is to promote the development and provision of supportive housing and/or supportive services with the goal of helping homeless Veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and/or income, and obtain greater self-determination.



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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

The mission of the Environmental Protection Agency is to protect human health and the environment. Since 1970, the EPA has been working for a cleaner, healthier environment for the American people.

Visit: <https://www.epa.gov>

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- Exchange Network Grant Program: provides funding to states, territories, and federally-recognized Indian tribes to support the development of the National Environmental Information Exchange Network
- Environmental Education Grants Program: seeks grant proposals from eligible applicants to support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment.
- Community Action for a Renewed Environment: a competitive grant program that offers an innovative way for a community to organize and take action to reduce toxic pollution in its local environment. Through CARE, a community creates a partnership that implements solutions to reduce releases of toxic pollutants and minimize people's exposure to them.
- Environmental Justice Small Grants Program: provides financial assistance to eligible organizations to build collaborative partnerships, to identify the local environmental and/or public health issues, and to envision solutions and empower the community through education, training, and outreach.
- More EPA Funding Opportunities: <https://www.epa.gov/grants>

INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute serves as a leader in providing services to enhance learning, sustain cultural heritage, and increase civic participation.

Visit: <https://www.imls.gov>

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- Museums for America: program supports projects that strengthen the ability of an individual museum to serve its public.
- National Leadership Grants for Libraries: program supports projects that address challenges faced by the library and archive fields and that have the potential to advance practice in those fields.
- National Leadership Grants for Museums: program supports projects that address critical needs of the museum field and that have the potential to advance practice in the profession so that museums can improve services for the American public.
- Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program: supports projects to recruit and educate the next generation of librarians, faculty, and library leaders; and to support early-career research. It also assists in the professional development of librarians and library staff.
- More IMLS Funding Opportunities: <https://www.imls.gov/grants/apply-grant/available-grants>

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration serves as the nation's forefront of such exploration and continues to pioneer in aeronautics, exploration systems, science, and space operations.

Visit: <https://www.nasa.gov>

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- **Space Grant:** a national network of colleges and universities. These institutions are working to expand opportunities for Americans to understand and participate in NASA's aeronautics and space projects by supporting and enhancing science and engineering education, research, and public outreach efforts.
- **NASA Research Opportunities:** solicits and supports research through the release of various research announcements in a wide range of science and technology disciplines.
- **Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs:** fund the research, development, and demonstration of innovative technologies that fulfill NASA needs as described in the annual Solicitations and that have significant potential for successful commercialization.
- **International Space Station Funding Opportunities:** sources of funding available to scientists to be used for International Space Station (ISS) research and development, payload development, payload processing at NASA facilities, on-orbit operation, and more.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NARA)

The National Archives and Records Administration enables people to inspect the record of what the federal government has done, enables officials and agencies to review their actions, and helps citizens hold them accountable.

Visit: <https://www.archives.gov>

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- **National Historical Publications and Records Commission Grant Program:** supports projects to research and develop means to preserve authentic electronic records; assist archives through a network of state partners; preserve and make accessible records and archives; publish papers documenting America's founding era; publish papers documenting other eras and topics important to an understanding of American history; and improve professional education for archivists and historical documentary editors.

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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

The National Endowment for the Arts is a public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts, bringing the arts to all Americans, and providing leadership in arts education. The Endowment is the largest national source of funds for the arts.

Visit: <http://www.nea.gov>

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- National Council on the Arts: reviews and makes recommendations to the Chairman on applications for grants, funding guidelines, and leadership initiatives.
- More NEA Funding Opportunities: <https://www.arts.gov/grants>

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

The National Endowment for the Humanities is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities.

Visit: <https://www.neh.gov>

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- Division of Education Programs: works to strengthen humanities education through programs aimed at pre-collegiate and post-secondary levels of study.
- Division of Preservation and Access Programs: A substantial portion of the nation's cultural heritage and intellectual legacy is held in libraries, archives, and museums. These repositories are responsible for preserving and making available collections of books, serials, manuscripts, sound recordings, still and moving images, works of art, objects of material culture, and rapidly expanding digital collections. All of the division's programs focus on ensuring the long-term and wide availability of primary resources in the humanities.
- Division of Public Programs: supports a wide range of public humanities programs that reach large and diverse public audiences.
- Division of Research Programs: supports scholarly research that advances knowledge and understanding of the humanities. Awards are made to scholars working on research projects of significance to specific humanities fields and to the humanities as a whole.
- More NEH funding opportunities: <https://www.neh.gov/grants>

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

The National Science Foundation is an independent federal agency created to promote the progress of science, to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare, and to secure the national defense. The NSF annually funds approximately 20 percent of basic, federally-supported college and university research.

Visit: <https://www.nsf.gov>

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- Biological Sciences Program: supports research advances the frontiers of biological knowledge, increases our understanding of complex systems, and provides a theoretical basis for original research in many other scientific disciplines.
- Computer and Information Science and Engineering Program: supports investigator-initiated research in all areas of computer and information science and engineering, fosters broad interdisciplinary collaboration, helps develop and maintain cutting-edge national computing and information infrastructure for research and education, and contributes to the development of a computer and information technology workforce with skills essential for success in the increasingly competitive global market.
- Advanced Cyberinfrastructure Program: supports and coordinates the development, acquisition, and provision of state-of-the-art cyberinfrastructure resources, tools, and services essential to the advancement and transformation of science and engineering.
- More NSF funding opportunities:
<https://www.nsf.gov/funding/>



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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The Small Business Administration maintains and strengthens the nation's economy by aiding, counseling, assisting, and protecting the interests of small businesses, and by helping families and businesses recover from national disasters.

Visit: <https://www.sba.gov>

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- Small Business Innovation Research Program: a highly-competitive program that encourages small business to explore their technological potential and provides the incentive to profit from its commercialization. By including qualified small businesses in the nation's R&D arena, high-tech innovation is stimulated and the United States gains entrepreneurial spirit as it meets its specific research and development needs.
- Small Business Technology Transfer Program: program that expands funding opportunities in the federal innovation research and development arena. Central to the program is expansion of the public/private sector partnership to include the joint venture opportunities for small business and the nation's premier nonprofit research institutions.



SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

The Social Security Administration advances the economic security of the nation's people through compassionate and vigilant leadership in shaping and managing America's Social Security programs.

Visit: <https://www.ssa.gov>

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- Research and Demonstration Grants: funds research and demonstration grants involving the Old-Age Survivors Program, the Social Security Disability Insurance Program (SSDI), and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program. Grants are awarded for innovative research and demonstrations, adding to existing knowledge and improving methods and techniques for managing and administering SSA programs.
- Service Grants: provides funding to support beneficiaries in their efforts to return to work and to gain self-sufficiency. Such services include trial work period, early referral for rehabilitation services, and greater use of employers and others in the rehabilitation and placement process.

FEDERAL AGENCIES - REGIONAL/STATE OFFICE INDEX AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

This resource guide was compiled using government websites and resources that are readily available to the public.

An index containing the regional and state office information for the agencies outlined in this guide can be found **HERE**.

Please see the sites below for additional information:

- My Grants and Federal Domestic Assistance page on Bishop.House.gov: <https://bishop.house.gov/grants-new>
- Grants.gov: <https://www.grants.gov/>
- SAM.gov: <https://sam.gov/content/home>
- GovLoans.gov: <https://www.govloans.gov/>
- Benefits.gov: <https://www.benefits.gov/>
- StudentAid.ed.gov: <https://studentaid.gov/>
- FedBizOpps.gov: <https://fbohome.sam.gov/>
- USA.gov: <https://www.usa.gov/>
- USASpending.gov: <https://www.usaspending.gov/>
- The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) (<https://sam.gov/content/assistance-listings>) provides a full listing of all Federal programs available to State and local governments (including the District of Columbia); federally-recognized Indian tribal governments; Territories (and possessions) of the United States; domestic public, quasi- public, and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions; specialized groups; and individuals.
- The Federal Register (FR) (<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/>) published daily, announces newly authorized and/or funded programs, and announces annual application deadlines and award amounts for continuing programs
- The Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) page on Government Grant Schemes: Government Grant Scams, visit <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/government-grant-scams>



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